

President's Report 2012/2013

It has been an honour and privilege to serve as your President this year.

This has been a year of further establishing the club and working together with a great committee to make Asquith Mixed Probus Club Inc the best possible club for you, the members. I thank you for the opportunity you have given me through your enthusiasm and support in this role.

I especially want to thank Barry, for the efficient way he has carried out the task of Secretary, this is a very important role in the life of our club. Having served as President for the two years your experience and support has been invaluable. I have had 2 Vice Presidents that have given me great support, and I am sure that President Elect John Channon will fulfil the role of President in an outstanding manner. Our other Vice President/Treasurer Angus Dougall has been a great asset to me personally in the control of our Finances and his wonderful sense of humour, thank you Angus for being so professional in your tireless work as our Treasurer. To the Committee thank you for your energies and the wonderful work that you all do throughout the year.

Thanks to Jan and Waverly for sitting at the front desk marking off your names each week, this is an important role as it saves you having to sign in at every meeting, together with lady members who have provided support in this activity during the last 12 months, it is so nice to have our members greeted on arrival. Our Tours Organiser, Sylvia with Jan and Sue as her assistants have arranged excellent and interesting day trips and trips away and I am sure all the members will join me in a big thank you to them.

Thank you Richard Slater, our new Programmes Officer, for the level of interesting speakers during the year, they certainly covered a variety of topics and to John Channon for looking after this role whilst Richard was away.

Welcome to our new Bulletin Editor, Jeremy Steele, your innovative ideas and journalism has kept us wondering and guessing at the content of our monthly Newsletter. Thank you for all the wonderful bios of our members, it certainly is a way to get to know everyone, and to Jan Ferguson for sourcing the names of our members for your articles. Vince Hughes, again a big thank for your continued support in setting up and providing our electronic microphone that makes our job easier.

Phyllis while being assistant Treasurer this year has been a great help to our Treasurer and Activities desk in keeping things flowing with the bookings, also a big thank you to Bill for all your assistance during the year on the desk.

There are many members of our club that organise our various groups, Laurie with the great walks he organised again this year. Judy who arranges what movies we see, coupled with her role with the Craft group. Thank you Barbara for your enthusiasm for the Theatre/shows that you arranged which I know has brought immense joy to us throughout the year. Welfare Officer Kerrie Carley provided our Club with wonderful support in looking after the welfare of our members who have been most appreciative of her cards, contacts and advices.

To all our activity organisers thank you for the role that you play within our Club.

We have had a number of members leave again this year for various reasons and new members have joined us to take us back up to 150 members. Our new and existing members have melded well and our club continues to be a very friendly club.

To the members who have indicated they will not be renewing their membership this year, we wish them well and look forward to the new friends we will make as new members join with us.

Finally again thanks to you all for your support. I hope you will again get behind the new incoming committee with the same support you have given to the committee this year.

Sandra Death
President

Report on the Asquith Probus Club Speakers For The Year 2011/2012

During the year our guest speakers were very interesting and entertaining. I am sure that our members enjoyed each talk. The subjects were wide ranging and it is essential that this format be maintained. No problems occurred during the year.

Regarding the coming twelve months, all monthly slots have been filled except for October 2013.

Richard Slater
Programmer

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Activities

A number of very popular Day Trips were experienced by some of the members of Asquith Mixed Probus during 2012.

We started off with a guided tour of Sydney Town Hall which was very interesting and well received by our members.

In May we had a group of 51 people who thoroughly enjoyed a tour of NSW Parliament House and many members were impressed with our local member Mat Kean & question time was a sight to be seen & heard! Thanks to Barry Willick for organising this event.

In June we had our regular trip to Doyles at Watsons Bay & enjoyed not only the Winter Special menu but the venue, wonderful weather and the beautiful ferry ride on our amazing harbour.

We celebrated Christmas in July at The Waterview Restaurant in Berowra Waters with a record number of participants commenting on what a fantastic time they had.

August was a very informative tour of The Fairfax Print Facility and September was a trip to the Southern Highlands to admire all the tulips that were in bloom.

On to October for our yearly Birthday celebration at Bobbin Head which was organized by Jan Ferguson, Sandra Death and a group of willing helpers. Many thanks to all who helped especially Jan & Sandra.

November was spent on the harbour taking part in an Australian Heritage Fish & Ships Tour which was great fun. Unfortunately there was a limit of 30 people so we will run it again in the future for all the members who missed out.

Christmas lunch at Asquith Golf Club proved our most popular event of the year with an amazing 100 or so members enjoying the festive season. Once again many thanks to Jan Ferguson, Sandra Death and the many helpers who made this an enjoyable occasion.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the fantastic 6 day trip with Linga Longa Tours to Yarrowonga for our tour of Victoria's Murray & High Country. What an awesome time 30 of our members plus extras had and how hospitable were the Morley family to our whole group. Who can forget our day spent in Echuca travelling down the Murray on a paddle steamer or the famous court scene at Beechworth. What a great time we all had getting to know some of our members better.

Finally a small number of us went to Norfolk Island with Berowra Mixed Probus in August for a week of great food good company and beautiful scenery plus hospitable hosts what more could you ask for in a holiday? Many thanks to Keith Carson for organising and including us in this trip, also thank you to all the Berowra members who made us feel so welcome.

Finally many thanks for the help I have received over the year from Jan Phillips, Sue Manwaring and Judy La Frenais you have made my job so much easier and I treasure your friendships.

Sylvia Gratton
Activities Officer

Interest Groups

Craft: A small group of card makers meet at Judy's home on the 3rd Friday at 7.30pm, learning the art of card making over a cuppa, or just come along to socialise.

Contact Judy on 9987 4090

Dining: There are a group of members that meet every couple of months in a variety of restaurants, to experience different food choices and enjoy the company of the other diners. All members are welcome just watch the news sheet for details.

Contact Mary on 9940 3645

Movies: Movie enthusiasts meet at Gloria Jean's about 9.15 on the Monday following our club meeting, to see a selected movie. We have also attended senior's morning tea and movie when Greater Union have held them.

Contact Judy on 9987 4090

Pot-Luck dining groups: This year we have had 4 groups of 8 people meeting 4 times a year in various homes. Each person contributes to the food and drink for the lunch or evening meal, with the hosts providing the main course. We are keen to extend the number of groups for this next year.

Contact Sandra on 0403 073 667

Snooker: Is held in John Channon's home on the 3rd Tuesday each month when a small number join together for a fun evening. He is always looking for more players or spectators.

Contact John on 9489 6269

Theatre: Barbara has arranged tickets for a number of varied shows this year including the 2 Premiers Gala Concerts in March and December. We are looking for someone to take on this role for the coming year.

Contact (Vacant)

Walking group: The monthly walks have been well attended this year thanks to some interesting walks. We have had a number of members who cannot walk far and they have been able to join the walkers for lunch at a number of venues.

Contact Laurie on 9457 7061

The committee is very grateful to those who have given of their time to arrange each of these interest groups and to all those who have active roles in the club. Keep up the good work as it makes this club one that people are keen to join. If you are not involved in any of these groups why not give some thought to joining in with your fellow members.

Thanks to Judy Lafrenais for directing the traffic around the payment and tour desk, it has made the function work so much better. Also thanks to Dave Ferguson who works behind the scenes to make sure there are enough cups and that the water is hot enough for our cuppa.

Barry Willick
Secretary

Treasurers Report

Annual General Meeting – 7 March 2013.

We have received Audit certification now from our honorary auditor - The Abby Practice, for The Asquith Mixed Probus Club for the year ended 31 December 2012, together with final audited financial figures.

Should you wish to peruse the audited financial report in detail, these financial figures are included in this report. If a summary suffices, then this follows :

INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT SUMMARY – 2012 YEAR.

Club income for year	\$ 8,817.26
Club expenses for year	<u>\$ 7,779.15</u>
Net Surplus for year 2011	<u>\$ 1,038.11</u>

CLUB FINANCIAL POSITION SUMMARY AT 31 DECEMBER 2012.

Cash	\$ 5,818.53
Fixed Interest Investment	<u>\$ 6,694.27</u>
Total Assets	\$ 12,512.80
 Less : Club Liabilities	 <u>\$ 3,433.71</u>
Accumulated Funds	<u>\$ 9,079.09</u>

The surpluses from previous years of \$ 8,040.98, plus the above year end 2012 surplus of \$ 1,038.11, totals our accumulated surplus of \$ 9,079.09.

Your committee has worked well together again this year in the interests of all members and my thanks to them and to president Sandra. Again this year my special thanks to Phyllis Davies whose assistance is most helpful and appreciated.

Angus Dougall
Treasurer
7 Feb.2012